

by adhesive ~~922~~3 (see FIG. 3). With this step completed, wall 46 of base plate 30 seals and isolates cavities 80 and 82.

Page 17, line 10, change "194" to --198--

Page 17, line 11, change "202" to --203--

Page 17, line 14, change "202" to --200--

Page 17, line 15, change "192" to --203--

Accessory 190 has a rigid plate 192, decay pattern modifiers 194 and 196, and an elastomeric pad 198, all of the character discussed above in conjunction with FIGS. 1-3 and 6-9. This accessory also has a boot or sleeve 200 adhesively bonded or otherwise fixed to plate 192 on the side of that component opposite elastomeric pad ~~194~~198.

Rather than being fastened to gunstock ~~202~~203 with screws as in the previously described embodiments of the present invention, accessory 190 is installed by first stretching boot 200 as suggested by phantom line 201 in FIG. 13 and then sliding the butt end 202 of the gunstock into the open end 204 of the boot ~~202~~200 as shown by arrow 206. The assembled accessory 190 and gunstock ~~192~~203 are shown in FIG. 14.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

Claim 1 (amended) An accessory for reducing the kick felt by a shooter when a firearm is discharged, said accessory comprising:

a pad, a rigid plate, and a vibration decay pattern modifier;

said pad and said decay pattern modifier both being fabricated from an organic, elastomeric material;

said pad having therein an aperture opening onto a face of the pad;

said plate being assembled in face-to-face relationship with that face of the pad onto which the aperture in the pad opens; and